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Teaching Assistant – English.

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"We could not have asked more on the first day of school in the New Year, a visit to a two hundred year old theatre to watch a two hundred year old novel. Though Christmas had gone by, it was not too late for us to immerse ourselves in watching 'A Christmas Carol' at the Old Vic Theatre in London. As the lights dimmed and the plot unfolded, I could quickly identify the characters Dickens had created in the novel. Scrooge, played by Stephen Mangan, the main character of the novel, portrayed the typical behaviour and personality of a Victorian businessman. I could see a clear difference in Scrooge's behaviour as the play progressed.

Though the theatre is two hundred years old, modern technologies, like robotic doors and other props were effectively used to suit the likes of a twenty-first century audience. I think the play was very successful, without modifying the original storyline, in communicating Dickens' message about poverty and our moral duties associated with Christmas, along with conveying the festive spirit through the bells and music. I found the play very engaging and overall my experience was fascinating, enjoyable and educational."

Rishik Kar (8P1)

"I think the play was amazing and I really loved how cleverly the performance was staged. The Old Vic theatre has an interesting stage; the stage is in the middle of the room with the seating all around it. I was intrigued by this set up and how it would be performed because it would be very hard for all of the audience to see the performance. When the performance began, I understood how it would work because they had people dancing and singing as they moved around the stage and three musicians playing, back-to-back, centre stage. This meant one or two musicians were seen from all sides. As the play went on the use of space was fantastic and in the panicked or scared scenes Scrooge ran around the stage making his emotions clear to the whole audience.

A Christmas Carol is an excellent book, and the storyline is interesting in itself but having it performed in front of us gave me a great insight into Scrooge's personality. The actors were amazing and really important in both supporting and opposing Scrooge's decisions. I especially liked the Ghost of Christmas Past as she had some funny lines but really got into Scrooge's head, forcing him to think about his choices and reconsider what he has done. The scenes reflecting Scrooge's past were so interesting and sad. In his school scenes when he is left on his own, he plays with a toy parrot and this being carried through to his future scenes has a really strong emotional impact and the audience can see he wasn't always so fixated on earning money.

Another element of the performance I liked was how the staging blocks were used for chairs and tables and were part of the floor. This was a very clever idea because it meant people did not need to bring on props and the scenes could be set up a lot quicker. There were also lights underneath the floorboards of the stage which added a cool effect and it made some of the scenes spookier. The inclusion of the audience at the end was my favourite part as it gave the room a really happy atmosphere. Everyone felt very festive by the end and people were cheering and clapping at some points. The energy and comedy at the end of the production was great."

Amy Oliver (8D3)

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CALENDAR

Y13 PRACTICE EXAMS START	Thursday 20 January	(End 25 January)
Y12 A Level Chemistry Olympiad	Thursday 20 January	E016 - P4 & 5
Year 11 Reports Issued	Monday 24 January	
Y10 Separate Science Day	Monday 24 January	
Y9EP Vocablics	Monday 24 January	
GCSE Drama Performances	Monday 24 January	P013 - 5.30-6.45pm
Y11 Subject Parents' Evening	Tuesday 25 January	Remote - 4.30-7.00pm
KS4 Courses Booklets issued to Y9	Wednesday 26 January	
Y10EP Trip 'The Curious Incident...'	Wednesday 26 January	Mayflower Theatre, Southampton - 12-6pm

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CAREERS EVENTS

AllAboutSchoolLeavers - Free virtual apprenticeship events and open evenings

From 19 January. Browse and sign up for the events

<https://www.schoolleaverfair.co.uk/auditorium/live-webinars>here.

Visit our [Y7-11 Virtual Careers Events webpage](#) for more events. And a more comprehensive listing for older students is also available on the Sixth Form Hub: [Careers and Study Opportunities page](#).

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SCHOOL CHARITY AWARD FOR DARCY



[Last July we reported](#) that Darcy (10P2) had completed the amazing feat of swimming the English Channel in a relay with 5 of her friends from Winchester City Swimming Club. Now Darcy's achievements have been recognised with a Berkshire Masonic School Charity Award.

Team Sea6 set themselves a target of £10,000 but have now exceeded £16,000. Darcy's award includes a £50 donation towards this and a £25 Amazon gift card for Darcy to spend on resources linked to her future studies. We continue to be very proud of Darcy's achievements.

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BLUE PLAQUE UNVEILING FOR MS JANE LUKER

Billy Drummond, Mayor of Newbury, will be unveiling a Newbury Town Council Blue Plaque commemorating Ms Jane Luker on the former Luker Building site (now Luker Court) this Thursday 20 January at 12.30pm.

Jane Luker was a remarkable woman and a leading light in the education of young women early in the 20th Century in Newbury, and so for that fact alone, it will be a memorable event! Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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VACANCIES

TEACHING ASSISTANT - ENGLISH



We are searching for a part-time Teaching Assistant to join us as soon as possible on a permanent basis. *You will be working within our English Faculty.*

We are looking for someone to work with teachers in the delivery of differentiated high quality lessons, and to support students in their learning and development and encourage them to participate in all aspects of school life.

We are seeking applicants with good educational qualifications and organisational ability, who have empathy with students, and are able to motivate and encourage them.

You will work two out of the following three days (with a 30 minute break), term-time only plus 5 training days pro rata: Wednesday – 8.40am to 3.10pm, Thursday – 8.40am to 3.10pm, Friday – 8.40am to 2.50pm
There may be the option to work the hours over the three days and this will be discussed at interview.

SALARY: £18198.00 - £18562.00 gross pa (£9.43 - £9.62 per hour), pro rata for part-time, term-time. Starting salary equates to £5036.94 gross pa if you work 12 hours pw (Wednesday and Thursday).

For full details and to apply please visit: www.stbarts.co.uk

Closing date: Sunday 30 January 2022

Successful candidates will be subject to a DBS enhanced check along with other relevant employment checks.

Tel: 01635 521255 E-mail: recruitment@stbarts.co.uk

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WEST BERKSHIRE BIKEABILITY

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PE



Year 10 Lacrosse

The Year 10 lacrosse squad played against Marlborough on Monday 17 January.

They had a superb game playing some excellent lacrosse winning 13-4.

Players of the lacrosse match were Pippa and Annabel. Well done to all players.



Year 8 Football

The Year 8 boys' football team lost to Park House on Tuesday 11 January. Considering it was the first time students had played together, there were lots of positives to take despite the defeat. Man of the match was Marlow Hicks with an outstanding display at left back.



Year 10 Football

The Year 10 boys beat Park House 2-1 in their first league game of the year. A last-minute winner by player of the match, Toby Smith, got the team off to a great start. Another 15 boys played in a friendly with Park House, drawing 0-0, Spencer Codling saving a penalty and Charlie Dancey getting the player of the match honours. Great to see so many boys representing the school.



Year 9 Football

The Year 9 boys' football team travelled to Piggott school in the county cup. Piggott won the match, but all St Bart's players played well, especially considering that this is the first time they've played together since Year 7. Jack scored an excellent goal, and player of the match was Mohamad.

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